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From a late MAGAZINE.

Copy of the Will *of Monſieur* Bertholde, *of* Bertagnana, *near* Verona. *Tranſlated from the* French.

To all thoſe who ſhall ſee or read this preſent Writing, Health and a good Appetite.

I Bertholde, Great-Grandſon of Bertolazzo, Grandſon of Bertazzo di Bertin, and Son of Bartolin, of the Village of Bertagnana, knowing that we are all mortal, and neither more nor leſs than Bladders filled with Wind, which the leaſt Accident reduces to nothing, and that when we are arrived at the Age of 70, as I am at this Day, it is Time to think of beating a Retreat, and to wiſh a good Repoſe and good Night, to our Companions: For theſe Cauſes, finding ſome Grains of good Senſe in my bald Head, I am willing to ſet my Affairs in Order, by making this my laſt Will and Teſtament; as much for my own Satisfaction, as that of my Friends and Relations, to whom I have ſome Obligations; for which Reaſon I have ſent for Sieur Cerſollio for him to write my laſt Will, as follows.

I. I leave to Maſter Bertholde, my Brother, the venerable Cobler of our Village, my Shoes, and 8*d.* in good Money, for having ſeveral Times lent me his Awl, to put them in Order, and for having done me other Services equally conſiderable.

Item, To my Uncle Sambuco, Gardener, I alſo leave my Straw-hat, for having ſometimes given me a Bunch of Leeks, ſometimes ſome Onions, and at others ſome Cloves of Garlick, to get me an Appetite.

Item, I leave to Maſter Allegratto, the King's Butler, my large Leathern Belt and my Purſe, for having many Times filled my Rundlet with Wine, and for other Services not leſs important.

Item, To Maſter Martin, Cook to the Servants, my Knife and Fork, for having ſometimes regaled me with Beans and Onions, Food infinitely more delicate to me than Pies, Tarts, Ragouts, and all the other Regales and Dainties which would ſoon have ſent me to my Grave.

Item, To my Aunt Pandora, Waſher woman, my Straw Bed, two Chairs with Holes in them, and a little crazy, and two Ells of Linnen, to make her three Aprons, for having waſhed my Shirts, and my large Woollen Stockings.

Item, I leave to Fechetti, Page of the Court, 25 Laſhes with a Whip, for having made a hole in my Chamber-pot, by which means I made Water in my Bed; as alſo for having tied Crackers to my Tail, and many other Tricks, Gambols, and ridiculous and impertinent Fooleries. As he is never out of Miſchief, I would have this Article executed immediately after my Deceaſe.

Item, As at my coming to Court, I left my Wife Marcolfa, and my young Son Bertholdin, and have never let them know where I am, for Fear they ſhould follow me hither: I leave Marcolfa, my Wife, the little Piece of Land I have poſſeſſed, till my Son arrives at the Age of 25, after which he ſhall enjoy it on the following Terms, to wit, That if he marries, he ſhall never unite himſelf to a Perſon above his Station; that he ſhall not be intimate with his Superiors; that he ſhall Eat when he has it, and Work when he can; that he ſhall not take Council of thoſe who do not know how to govern themſelves, nor Remedies of a ſick Phyſician; that he ſhall do his Duty to every Body, be vigilant in his Affairs, not interfere in thoſe in which he has no Concern, much leſs in thoſe he does not underſtand; that he ſhall deſire nothing, be contented with what he has; that he ſhall ſeriouſly conſider that there are more Lambs go to the Butchers than Sheep, and more young Men die than old. If he ſeverly reflects on theſe Things, and performs them, he cannot fail of being happy in this World, and dying quietly.

Item, Having no other Goods, ſince I would never accept of any Thing from the King, tho' he has frequently offered and preſſed me to receive large Sums of Money, Jewels, Moveables, rich Apparel, Lands, Caſtles, Seigniories, fine Horſes, and a thouſand other rich Preſents; which would have robbed me of that Repoſe and Tranquility, which, next to Health, are the moſt precious Bleſſings of Life; which might make me engage in all the Impertinencies which I have ſeen practiſed by almoſt all thoſe that poſſeſs them, and would therefore have juſtly rendered me odious to all the World; for Inſolence commonly walks by the Side of thoſe, whom Fortune has raiſed from the Duſt to great Employments: In ſhort, having been always willing to remain Poor, I have nothing to leave to my King; but as I believe he has received ſome Benefit by my Advice, I will now give him ſuch Counſel, as ſhall not be leſs ſalutary both to him and his People.

I adviſe him then, for the good of his Subjects, and even from a Regard to his own Advantage conſtantly to hold the Balance between the Rich and Poor with an even Hand; to examine carefully before he determines; never to pronounce a Sentence whilſt moved by Anger; to preſerve the Love of his Subjects; to recompenſe wiſe and good Men, and to chaſtiſe the wicked; to drive away Flatterers, Liars, and Calumniators, and in general all thoſe Peſts of a Court, who carry Fire in their Tongues; not to overburthen the People, to protect Widows and Orphans; to cauſe ſpeedy Judgment in all Suits at Law, and to put a Stop to the Tricks and Quibbles of Courts. If he exactly follows theſe few Rules, he will live happily, his Reign will be immortal, and he will be propoſed as a Pattern of Wiſdom and Perfection to all the Kings of the Earth, till the End of Time. *Amen.*

Signed, BERTHOLDE.

LONDON, October 4.

FROM Gibraltar we have Advice, that all the Poſts of the Spaniſh Troops about that Place have been lately reinforced; and the Reaſon aſſign'd for it is, that the Plague rages at Algiers, and might poſſibly be brought into Spain.

From Copenhagen we hear, that they are concerting Meaſures to make the moſt they can of Commerce with the African States, in order to make Amends for the Loſs of their Trade with Spain; and that, inſtead of the annual Preſents of Arms, Ammunition, and Naval Stores ſtipulated by Treaties, thoſe States ſhall be welcome to as much more as they can pay for either with Money or Goods; and ſo, upon the whole, the Spaniards will ſmart more than the Danes by their unreaſonable Pride and fooliſh Policy.

October 6. We are aſſured from Leghorn, that eight Barbary Xebecks have lately taken divers Ships in the Seas of Sicily and Sardinia; and it's reported, that the Emperor will ſhortly break his Treaty with the Regencies of Barbary.

We hear from Perth, (in Scotland) that laſt Week was burnt there, by Order of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, above three thouſand Weight of Tobacco and Snuff, which were condemned at the Exchequer for Want of legal Clearance.

Extract of a private Letter from Paris, dated October 5.

"The domeſtick Affairs of France preſent every Day a new Scene, more complicated than the preceding, by reaſon of the freſh Incidents which ſucceed each other with a Rapidity and Variety, which make them highly intereſting. Whatever deſpotic Airs the Miniſtry may aſſume, the Court has been obliged to take a Step that agrees ill with the Syſtem of arbitrary Power; and this very Step has occaſioned the Conſtitution of the fundamental Laws of the French Monarchy, and the Privileges of the Parliament to be held up to the View of the French, and of all Europe. Theſe Laws and Privileges are made public to the whole Kingdom in the Arret which the Gentlemen of the Chatelet have publiſhed, excuſing themſelves from regiſtering the Letters Patent which eſtabliſhed the new Chamber of Vacations. Theſe Gentlemen reaſon very well. 'We are obliged, ſay they, to obey the Laws; the Laws forbid us to acknowledge the Erection of any new Body in the State to be valid, unleſs it has been formally acknowledged by the Parliament to which we are ſubordinate. We cannot therefore regiſter the Letters Patent till after their Regiſtration in the Sovereign Court we depend on'. The Conſequence is moſt juſt. But abſolute Power will not hear Reaſon: It will be obeyed. It muſt therefore have Recourſe again to violent Meaſures, and puniſh the Gentlemen of the Chatelet, for preſuming to reaſon, inſtead of obeying. If nevertheleſs they proceed to theſe Extremities, the Evil will only grow worſe; and the public Odium break out in the End. Perhaps the Court will think proper to drop the Thing, contenting itſelf with ſeeing the new Chamber eſtabliſhed by its Power, and making a Jeſt of the Regiſtration which it demanded. But ſtill the Difficulties mentioned in a former Letter, and others that cannot now be foreſeen, will take Place. Upon the Whole, we may ſay, that the French Miniſtry were never in ſuch a Labyrinth; not even under the crafty and imperious Mazarine. Should the haughty Richelieu return, I do not know whether, with all his deſpotic and violent Proceedings, which were natural to him, and ſucceeded at that Time; I do not know, I ſay, whether that terrible Miniſter could ſtrike any Terror into thoſe great Souls which at preſent compoſe moſt of the Parliaments of this Kingdom; and it is not to be doubted but their invincible Conſtancy will triumph in the End. Never has there been any Example of ſuch Unanimity and Firmneſs. The Parliament of Normandy has gained the Victory over the Miniſters and the firſt Preſident Pontcarre in the Affair of M. de Franqueville. The Recal of that Magiſtrate covers his illuſtrious Brethren and intrepid Defenders with Glory. The Proceſs is at an End; but its Conſequences remain yet to be ſeen. The Juſtification of that innocent Magiſtrate muſt reach the Court, and get into the Hands of the Public: The Report of the Gentlemen employed by the Parliament to draw up a State of this Affair, will certainly be tranſmitted to the King."

An Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Halifax, *in* Nova Scotia, *to his Friend in* London, *dated* July 31, 1753.

"Agreeable to my Promiſe, I here ſend you a ſhort Account of the Tranſactions of our New World. I do ſuppoſe, that few People in Old England know the Extent or Boundaries of this Country. The Province of Nova Scotia, is as large as England, Scotland, and Wales, put together. It reaches within ſeven Leagues of Quebec; and the Kenebec River parts the New-England Government from us: So that the Extent of Land, agreeable to Charlevoix's Hiſtory, and the ancient Boundaries, is very large; but the French claim at leaſt one Half of this Country as their own, and have carried the Point ſo far as to erect Forts and Garriſons at two ſeveral Places, which are very important Places for them: The one is at Chignecto, at the Head of Funday Bay; the other at the River of St. John, which River runs up, by the beſt Accounts I can get, within a few Leagues of Quebec; and will be of the utmoſt Conſequence to them, as they will be able to ſend up by it all their Goods, and conſequently ſecure all the valuable Branch of the Fur Trade, and alſo bring all their valuable Goods down the ſaid River, avoiding the dangerous Navigation of the River of St. Lawrence, by which they ſuffer much through the Loſs of many of their Ships, in going up, and coming down. If your Government ſuffer this, it will be of fatal Conſequence to the Eaſtern Parts of New-England, as well as to the Province of Nova-Scotia.

tia. In ſhort, if the French are allowed to keep this Poſt, it will be more dangerous to theſe Parts, than a Dunkirk would be to your Trade in Time of War. I know proper Accounts have been ſent of this to your leading Men, but how it happens that nothing has been done, is to me very aſtoniſhing. How abſurd is it to make Repreſentations to the Court of France, and ſend Commiſſaries to treat for two or three Years, while the French in the mean Time fortify themſelves, and ſo laugh at you? Poor England! How degenerate art thou grown? Why not ſend your Wooden Caſtles, and beat their Works about their Ears, and then let them complain? Don't ſuffer yourſelves to be deſpiſed and made the laughing ſtock off all the Powers in Europe: Where is old Engliſh Courage? Is nothing elſe to be minded, but the ſecuring a Majority at the next Election? What ſhall we dwindle to at laſt? Sure there will be an End to the Lethargy you have got into. In ſhort, if you don't ſettle the Boundaries of this Country on your Side of the Water, and put Things on a better Footing in this Province, I believe there will be but little Occaſion for us here, for when I tell you there are 30000 French Inhabitants here, you will hardly believe me; but you may depend on it for Truth; and not one ſingle one of them a Proteſtant. How the Engliſh Government could ſuffer ſuch a Number of People to live in one of their Provinces without Government or Laws is amazing to me. The French want to tire us out from ſettling in this Colony, as it is ſo advantageouſly ſituated for us, and can ſo greatly annoy them in Time of War.

"The Town of Halifax is greatly improved in its Buildings, but by ſome Miſmanagement the Trading People are very much diſpleaſed. The regular Troops were ſent here to protect them, but I am afraid, if I dare ſpeak my Mind, they will drive away the other Inhabitants, unleſs the latter be left to govern themſelves, as they muſt neceſſarily know their Buſineſs better than ſuch as have been brought up in the Military Way. I am a Friend to Trade, and love my Country, and hope I ſhall be able to give you a more pleaſing Account in my next."

HALIFAX, in Nova Scotia.

September 13. Laſt Sunday Morning between the Hours of Nine and Ten, the Son of Mr. Iſrael Abrahams was circumciſed, aged about ſeventeen Months, according to the Jewiſh Cuſtom, being the firſt Inſtance of any Thing of that Kind ſince this Place has been ſettled: The Ceremony was performed by Doctor Nathan Levy, and the Whole of the Ceremony was conducted with great Decency.

And we hear the like Ceremony is to be perform'd on an Infant of about five Weeks old, on Sunday next.

BOSTON.

November 26. About Nine o'Clock laſt Monday Evening, a Quarrel happened between George Kelly, alias William Welſh, a Seafaring Man, and Darby O'Brian, a Butcher (both Iriſhmen) when Kelly ſtabbed or cut O'Brian in the Belly with a Knife, ſo deſperately, that his Bowels came out. He lay in great Miſery till the next Night, and then died. The Coroner's Inqueſt have found it wilful Murder, and Kelly is now in Goal.

December 4. We hear from New-London, in Connecticut, that on the 21ſt of laſt Month, Sarah Brambell was executed there for the Murder of her ſpurious Offspring.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1

Extract of a Letter from New York, Dec. 25.

"The Papers ſhew you what have been done about the *Pennies*; but it is yet uncertain whether they will go at *Twelve* or *Fourteen* to a *Shilling*. They not only refuſe the Taking the Pennies lately counterfeited, but all that have not a plain Head and Tail of King *William*, which you know are very many; and all thoſe of the ſame King, which look any Thing whitiſh. I give you this Caution in Time, that the Rubbiſh be not palm'd upon the *Pennſylvanians*.

"Pennies of *bad* Copper are eaſily detected, by making them red hot, and ſtriking them with a Hammer, which will make them fly to Pieces; while good Copper will bear forging in a red hot State, and in a lower Degree of Heat, like Iron.

"Laſt Night was ſeized on board the *Prince of Wales*, juſt arrived from *London*, a great Quantity of *Copper Counterfeits*; and, 'tis ſaid, that about *Three Hundred Pounds* Worth of them (had they been worth any Thing) were thrown over board, to prevent Seizure."

ANNAPOLIS.

His Excellency our Governor, with the Advice of the Council, has been pleaſed to Prorogue the General Aſſembly of this Province (which ſtood Prorogued to the ſecond Tueſday in February) *to the firſt Day of* May *next, then to meet for the Diſpatch of Public Buſineſs.*

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of the Rev. Mr. *John Lang*, late of *St. James's* Pariſh in *Anne Arundel* County, deceaſed; and all thoſe indebted to the Eſtate of Mrs. *Margaret Lang* (Widow of the late Rev. Mr. *Lang*), deceaſed, are deſired to make ſpeedy Payment to the Subſcriber, to prevent Trouble: And all thoſe who have any legal Claims on either of the ſaid Eſtates, are deſired to bring them in to,

James Anderſon, Executor
to Mrs. *Margaret Lang*.

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To be Sold by the Subſcriber,

FOUR Hundred Acres of choice Land, lying in *Calvert* County, about four Miles below *Lower Marlborough*, and a Mile and a half from the River, is well Timber'd, and the Bounds proved.

The Terms may be known by applying to

Francis Chew.

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WANTED, a ſober, diſcreet Woman, capable of taking Care of a Family. Such an One may get into a good Place, by enquiring of the Printer hereof. 2

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there are at the Plantation of *Benjamin Talburtt*, living near the Eaſtern Branch Ferry, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as Strays,

A Black Horſe, about 13 Hands high, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock W.

And a Grey Horſe, branded on the near Buttock I, and is about 12 Hands high.

The Owner or Owners, may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there are at the Plantation of *George Hardee*, in *Frederick* County, near *Rock Creek*, taken up as Strays, two Geldings; the one a Sorrel, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock I, has a Blaze in his Face, and three white Feet: The other a Grey, branded on the off Buttock thus 3 ſ

The Owner or Owners, may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Shipley*, at *Elk-Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Cheſnut Sorrel Mare, branded B in two Places on the J near Buttock, and on the near Shoulder B I

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Poſſeſſion of *William Burgis*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Gelding, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock with F C, has a Star in his Forehead, and his Eyes white.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Samuel Howard*, near *Annapolis*, taken up as a Stray, a middle ſiz'd White Horſe, has no Brand, nor Fleſh Mark.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THE *MARYLAND* ALMANACK, for this preſent Year, to be Sold at the PRINTING-OFFICE.

To be Sold by the Subſcriber,

GOOD *Weſt India* Rum, *Muſcovado* Sugar, Melaſſes, Coffee, Saſh Glaſs, 12 by 10, 11 by 9, 10 by 8, 6 by 4, and Diamond Glaſs, Linſeed Oil, White Lead, and ſundry dry Goods, for Caſh, Pork, Beef, Corn, Wheat, Peaſe, Oats, or Parcels of good Tobacco. 6

Patrick Creagh.

TO BE SOLD,

A PARCEL of Land, lying in *Frederick* County, near the great Falls of *Potowmack* River, containing 200 Acres, being Part of a Tract of Land, called the *Addition to James*. Any Perſon inclin'd to purchaſe the ſame, may apply to Mr. *James Holmeard*, junior, who will ſhow the Land: and for Title and Terms apply to the Subſcriber, living at *Upper Marlborough* in *Prince George's* County. 3

Colmore Beanes.

TO BE SOLD,

For Money, Tobacco, Indian *Corn, Wheat, Pork, or Lumber*,

A GOOD SLOOP that will carry near 1000 Buſhels of Grain: She is well found with Sails, Rigging, Anchors, Cables, and all other Materials. 4

Kinſey Johns,
William Thornton.

N. B. Time for Payment will be given, on Security, if required.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BIDDEFORD, *Capt.* JOHN COLE, *from* BRISTOL, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* ANNAPOLIS,

A LARGE Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt-India* GOODS, *Herefordſhire* CYDER, *Glouceſter* CHEESE, and Single Refined SUGAR at 1*s.* 6*d. per* Pound; alſo very good CLARET by the Dozen, or larger Quantities. 5

John Brice.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BIDDEFORD, *Capt.* JOHN COLE, *from* BRISTOL, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his new Store, near the Dock, in* ANNAPOLIS,

AN Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS, at very reaſonable Rates, for Paper Money, Gold, or Bills of Exchange: He alſo Sells, good *Barbadoes* RUM, at 4*s.* 6*d. per* Gallon, SUGAR, at 8*d. per* Pound, and Sour ORANGES, at 2*s. per* Dozen. 6

John Raitt.

Baltimore Town, November 6, 1753.

ALL Perſons indebted to Mr. *Rowland Carnan*, now on his Voyage to *England*, or to the Eſtate of Mr. *Charles Carnan*, of *London*, Merchant, are deſired to come and ſettle their Accounts forthwith; otherwiſe they muſt expect to be ſued for their reſpective Debts, at *March* Court. X 10

And any Perſons having any juſt Claims or Demands on ſaid *Rowland Carnan*, or the Eſtate of ſaid *Charles Carnan*, are deſired to apply for Payment of the ſame, in *Baltimore Town*, from Monday to Friday in every Week; and at *Elk Ridge* Landing every Saturday, where Attendance will be given, by

Chamier and *Carnan*, Attorneys in Fact to Mr. *Rowland Carnan*, and to the Truſtees to the Eſtate of Mr. *Cha. Carnan*, of *London*.

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